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TAGS: EG, LY
SUBJECT: PRESS ON LIBYA

1. AHRAM, JULY 19, FRONT PAGES REPORT THAT QADHAVI HAS SENT NOTE TO ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT CLAIMING FAILURE TO CALL ARAB SUMMIT IN TRIPOLI IS VIOLATION OF LEAGUE CHARTER. MESSAGE REPORTEDLY ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO CONVENE SUMMIT.

2. IMMEDIATELY BELOW REPORT, AHRAM COMMENTS THAT LIBYA WRONG. LEAGUE'S LACK OF ACTION REFLECTS VIEWS OF ITS MEMBERS, WHO HAVE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT SUMMIT SHOULD BE HELD. AHRAM NOTES NO ONE OBJECTED TO HOLDING SUMMIT BUT THAT PROPER PROCEDURES AND PREPARATIONS ARE NECESSARY BEFOREHAND. COMMENTARY CRITICIZES LIBYA'S HISTORICALLY INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE TOWARD SUMMITS AS INDICATED BY UNUALLY LOW LEVEL LIBYAN REPRESENTATION.
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PAPER CLAIMS MOST ARABS UNDERSTAND LIBYA'S GOAL IS TO FRACTURE ARAB COHESIVENESS AT CRITICAL STAGE. "LIBYA'S SURPRISES, ATTITUDES, AND MANEUVERS NO LONGER SURPRISE ANYONE, COLONEL," AHRAM CONCLUDES.

3. GUMHURIYYA, UNDER HEADLINE "QADHAFI'S LATEST TRICK", REPORTS THAT WHILE LIBYA INVITED ARAFAT TO VISIT TRIPOLI

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(IN PAST FEW DAYS), QADHAFI REFUSED TO MEET WITH HIM.

4. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT ALL EGYPTIAN ADVISORS TO LIBYAN GOVERNMENT HAVE RESIGNED AND ARE RETURNING TO CAIRO JULY 21, BUT GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. (WE PRESENTLY SEEKING DETERMINE ACTUAL EXTENT OF PURPORTED EGYPTIAN EXODUS FROM LIBYA.)

5. MEANWHILE, EMBOFF, WHO RECENTLY VISITED QATTARA DEPRESSION REPORTS EXPECTATION AMONG WESTERN DESERT INHABITANTS THAT WAR WITH LIBYA IMMINENT. THIS APPARENTLY BASED ON AWARENESS OF BORDER INCIDENTS.

6. NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM PRESS IN PAST FEW DAYS IS FURTHER TALK OF TOGOLESE MEDIATION EFFORT OR OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN CHAD.

7. COMMENT: PRESS INCONSISTENCY RE LIBYA RESULTS LESS FROM ANY CONFLICT ON EVALUATION OF QADHAFI--WITH WHOM EGYPTIANS TOTALLY FED UP--BUT MORE ON WHAT, IF ANY-THING, GOE CAN DO ABOUT LIBYAN LEADER.
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